

If Democrats Controlled the House...

A Weekly Taste of Their Legislative Agenda



What sort of legislation might Democrats enact if they control the House? There is little need to speculate—just look at what they are introducing this Congress while in the minority. Below is another example of a bill the Democrats might try to move if given the opportunity.

Proposal: H.R. 3316, the Voter Access Protection Act

Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN)

Summary: This bill would prohibit States from requiring voters to present photo identification in federal elections.

Problems with the Bill: A good number of States require potential voters to present some form of photo identification, proving that they really are who they say they are. Many consider these laws to be common sense measures aimed at helping to prevent voter fraud in federal elections. This bill would prevent all States from insisting that voters produce this evidence that they are telling the truth about their identities, and in so doing, the bill makes election-rigging attempts much easier to pull off. Voter fraud has been shown to be [remarkably easy](#) to commit in several instances where no such identification was required, and even the ballots of high ranking government officials can be retrieved from voting booths with only a small amount of research. Voter identification requirements can significantly reduce this risk, so a bill which actually prevents the States from requiring photo identification for voting is a bill which actively enables voter fraud in federal elections.

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